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HAIG SAYS U.S. TO END REGULAR SUMMITS

LONDON (UPI) -- SECRETARY OF STATE ALEXANDER HAIG SAID IN AN INTERVIEW PUBLISHED SUNDAY THAT THE REAGAN ADMINISTRATION WILL END REGULAR SUMMIT MEETINGS WITH U.S. ALLIES BUT HOPES TO INCREASE EXCHANGES OF INTELLIGENCE PROVIDED THE CIA CAN PLUG ITS NEWS LEAKS.

HAIG DISCUSSED THE NEW ADMINISTRATION'S PRIORITIES FOR DEALINGS WITH THE EUROPEAN ALLIES IN AN INTERVIEW WITH LONDON'S SUNDAY TIMES.

BESIDES ENDING FORMER PRESIDENT CARTER'S TWICE-YEARLY SUMMIT MEETINGS AND EXPANDING THE INTELLIGENCE-SHARING PROGRAMS, HAIG SAID THE NEW ADMINISTRATION IS KEEPING ITS OPTIONS OPEN ON NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT AND THE SALT-2 TREATY.

"IT HAS BEEN MY EXPERIENCE THAT ACHIEVING ARMS CONTROL IS NEVER THE PRODUCT OF RHETORIC OR IDEALISTIC HOPES," HAIG SAID. "IT IS ALWAYS THE PRODUCT OF PRAGMATIC REALITY.

"ONE COULD MAKE THE CASE THAT IT WAS THE CONSENSUS ABOUT DEPLOYING CRUISE MISSILES IN EUROPE AT THE NATO MINISTERIAL MEETING IN DECEMBER 1979 WHICH CREATED THE CIRCUMSTANCES THAT LED TO THE START OF THE DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN THE SOVIET UNION AND THE UNITED STATES ON HOW TO LIMIT THEATER NUCLEAR WEAPONS," HE SAID.

HAIG SAID SOVIET BEHAVIOR IN WORLD TROUBLE SPOTS AND WHAT HE CALLED "TECHNICAL FLAWS" IN THE SALT-2 TREATY WILL AFFECT HOW REAGAN DECIDES TO DEAL WITH ARMS CONTROL.

"WE ARE LOOKING AT THESE PROBLEMS AND I DON'T KNOW YET HOW WE WILL PROCEED FROM HERE -- WHETHER TO DEVELOP A WHOLE NEW TREATY, WHETHER TO PUT FIXES INTO THE EXISTING TREATY OR WHETHER TO DO IT BY AMENDMENTS," HE SAID.

THE SECRETARY SAID HE HOPED TO PROMOTE "A VERY CLOSE RELATIONSHIP" BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND ITS EUROPEAN ALLIES. BUT HE SAID HE WAS ABANDONING CARTER'S SEMI-ANNUAL SUMMIT MEETINGS BECAUSE SUCH SESSIONS "SHOULD BE RESERVED ONLY FOR THE MOST EXCEPTIONALLY SIGNIFICANT ISSUES.

"FIRST AND FOREMOST, WE HAVE GOT TO DO A BETTER JOB IN DEVELOPING AND SHARING COMMON PERCEPTIONS," HAIG ADDED. "THAT MEANS SHARING OUR INTELLIGENCE, AGREEING ON THE HARD FACTS AND RECOGNIZING THAT EVERYBODY CAN CONTRIBUTE TO THIS PROCESS.

"BUT WE CAN ONLY EXPECT OUR EUROPEAN PARTNERS TO PARTICIPATE IN SUCH EXCHANGES IF THEY CAN BE PROTECTED AGAINST IMMEDIATE REVELATIONS ON THE FRONT PAGES OF AMERICAN NEWSPAPERS.

WE, THEREFORE, HAVE TO TIGHTEN UP OUR INTERNATIONAL CHANNELS OF COMMUNICATIONS," HE SAID.

HAIG SAID NEWLY APPOINTED CIA DIRECTOR BILL CASEY "IS VERY MUCH DEDICATED TO THIS."

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